Question No.2795 asked by S/Shri Prabhu Dayal Katheria & Ram Pujan Patel in the Lok Sabha on 22.8.95 regarding Railway Bridges, it was informed:

(a) 483. State-wise information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

It is regretted that the information given was not correct as Railways construct bridges of following types :-

(a) Road over/Road under bridges constructed for passing road traffic.

(b) Railway bridges provided on new lines/ doublings and additional sidings.

(c) Railway bridges constructed on replacement account either due to gauge conversion or on condition basis.

It is presumed that the question is meant for construction of Road over bridge. Statistical data/ inventory of bridges is maintained by Zonal Railways. Certain Zonal Railways while furnishing the reply included Railway's own bridges i.e. other than Road over/under bridges. However, now while compiling State-wise position of Road over/under bridges constructed during 92-93 to 94-95, it is seen that total number of bridges (Road over/under bridges) constructed are 48 instead of 483.

The correct reply should have been as under :-

(a) 48. State-wise information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Reasons for delay :**

The information was to be collected from different Zonal Railways. The Zonal Railways do not keep such data State-wise. Instead Zonal-wise data is maintained. The total number of bridges on Railways was given and an assurance was also given to furnish data State-wise. Collection of data State-wise took time.

While compiling the data State-wise, it is noticed that the figure already furnished includes some bridges other than Road over/Road under bridges. Scrutiny of figures and setting right the number took some time as back references to the Zonal Railways had to be made which took time causing delay in furnishing the correcting statement.

The mistake thus occurred has been circumstantial and committed inadvertantly. All efforts will be made to avoid such occurance in furure.

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**18.01 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at one minute past Eighteen of the clock*

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

**The detailed Demands for Grants of Ministry of Defence for the year 1996-97 and the Defence Services estimates for the year 1996-97**

*[Translation]*

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : Mr. Speaker, Sir I beg to lay on the Table:

(1) A copy of the detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Defence for the year 1996-97. (Hindi and English Versions)

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(2) A copy of the Defence Services Estimates for the year 1996-97 (Hindi and English Versions)

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*[English]*

**The detailed Demands for Grants (Vol.I) of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Home Affairs (U.T. without Legislature) for the year 1996-97**

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : I beg to lay -

(1) A copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Vol.1) (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 1996-97.

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(2) A copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Vol.II) (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Unions Territories without Legislature) for the year 1996-97.

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**The Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Commerce for the year 1996-97**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP) : On behalf of Shri Bolla Bulli Ramaiah, I beg to lay a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Commerce for the year 1996-97.

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**The Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Environment and Forests for the year 1996-97.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : I beg to lay a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests for the year 1996-97.

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